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SUBJECT: GOG COMMENTS ON MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

REF: A. STATE 076032; B. STATE 103494

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MALI/UPPER VOLTA SITUATION WITH FONMIN
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DIVISION, BANGALY DABO, ON MAY 7.

DABO SAID:

A. FODE BERETE, GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO LAGOS, IS THE GUINEAN
MOST ACTIVE ON THE MEDIATION COMMISSION, AND HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO
BE IN CONAKRY FOR A FEW DAYS. DABO THUS UNSURE WHAT STATUS OF
MEDIATION EFFORTS ARE, BUT HE HAS NO REPORT OF ANY RECENT
MEDIATION COMMISSION ACTIVITY.

B. THE GOG STILL HOPES THAT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES WILL
NOT ALLOW THE DISPUTE--WHICH IS BASICALLY A QUESTION OF ACCESS
TO CERTAIN NATURAL RESOURCES -- TO CAUSE RENEWED FIGHTING.
DABO HAD RECEIVED REPORTS HOWEVER THAT THE MILITARY BUILD-UP
IN THE AREA WAS CONTINUING.

C. DABO RECALLED THAT APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO A
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SIMILAR BORDER INCIDENT TOOK PLACE INVOLVING AN ALLEGED MALIAN

OCCUPATION OF A GUINEAN BORDER VILLAGE. AT THAT TIME PRESIDENT TOURE ORDERED ALL GUINEAN TROOPS REMOVED FROM THE AREA AND THE MALIANS LATER WITHDREW. DABO HOPED THAT A SIMILAR PEACEFUL SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND FOR THE PRESENT BORDER DISPUTE.

2. EMBASSY WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH DABO AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH THIS QUESTION, AND REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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